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Filing Date	11/20/2001		
First Named Inventor	Michael Y. Zhang		
Art Unit	3731		
Examiner Name	Vy Q. Bui		
Attorney Docket Number	ACSC 59931 (1987D)		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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		Examiner Name	Vy Q. Bui		
Applicant claims small entity status.	See 37 CFR 1.27	Art Unit	3731		
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Utility	. 300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
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